

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Official Action mailed February 26, 2007. This Amendment is timely in view of the three month shortened statutory period for response. Reexamination and reconsideration of the rejections set forth therein in light of the following remarks are courteously requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claims 73-76. Claims 64-72 have been canceled without prejudice in order to expedite the issuance of a patent containing claims 73-76. Claims 77-86 have been added for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office. They find basis in the Specification at p. 11, l. 13-14 (and incorporated reference U.S. Patent No. 4,877,805, col. 7, l. 28-29), p.12, l. 11-35, p. 16, l. 1-5 and p. 26, l. 5-7. Applicants respectfully request consideration of new claims 77-86. Applicants respectfully submit that they are free to refile canceled claims 64-72 in a continuation application in the future. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action of February 26, 2007 rejected Claims 64-71 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and Claims 64-72 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. As these claims are no longer pending in the above-captioned patent application, applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are no longer applicable.

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the above-captioned application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the above remarks and an early Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney at the below-listed number.

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